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WAR--PARTICIPATION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

1. SEPTTEL AND TEHRAN 8052 (1973) CONTAIN BACKGROUND ON
PROBLEM OF PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
AT 1974 DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR. SEPTTEL IN-
STRUCTS DEMARCHES IN SUPPORT OF SWISS COMPROMISE PROPOSAL
AT SEVERAL AFRICAN POSTS.

2. ON SEPT 14, SWISS DCM AT WASHINGTON TOLD DEPT THAT
SWISS GOVT UNDERSTOOD THAT NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
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ICRC HOLDING FOR REPS OF AFRICAN GOVTS AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS LATER THIS MONTH AT DAR ES SALAAM. SWISS SUGGESTED USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT LONGVA DOES NOT SEEK TO DEFEAT SWISS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE COMPROMISE. LONGVA HAS BEEN TROUBLEMAKER AT ALL PREVIOUS ICRC MEETINGS ON LAW OF WAR, AS WELL AS AT TEHRAN RED CROSS CONFERENCE, AND IN PREVIOUS YEARS, AT UNGA.

3. DURING VISIT OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER, DR. KISSINGER STATED USG CONCERN ABOUT PAST NORWEGIAN POSITION IN STRONGEST TERMS. FOREIGN MINISTER HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF ISSUE AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO IT.

IMMEDIATE RESULT WAS REVISION OF INSTRUCTIONS TO NORWEGIAN UNDEL.

4. WE REQUEST AMEMB OSLO TO APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTER WITH REQUEST THAT EITHER LONGVA BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT SWISS COMPROMISE OR, ALTERNATIVELY, THAT HE NOT BE SENT TO MEEING IN DAR ES SALAAM. RUSH

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